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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 26,
1904, AT 7:30 P.M.

President EDWARDS presided. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The following resolutions were adopted to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. WM. M. PIERSON:

Resolved, That Dr. HARRY EAST MILLER be appointed a member of the Board of Directors, A. S. P.

Resolved, That Mr. WM. H. CROCKER be appointed a member of the Donohoe Comet-Medal Committee.

The question of filling the vacancy on the Finance Committee was laid upon the table.

It was, upon motion,—

Resolved, That no award of the Bruce Medal be made for the year 1905.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF
THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
NOVEMBER 26, 1904, AT 8 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President EDWARDS. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The chairman introduced the lecturers of the evening: Dr. S. D. TOWNLEY, who read a paper on "The Motion of the Earth's Axis"; and Dr. HEBER D. CURTIS, whose paper was entitled "Spectroscopic Binaries." Both lectures were illustrated by a number of lantern-slides.

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY PIERSON died at his home in San Francisco on the fourth day of September, 1904. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 3, 1842, and came to California in the year 1852.

Mr. PIERSON studied law while very young, and successfully passed the legal examinations before he arrived at the age of twenty-one years. He was permitted to enter upon his chosen career before reaching his majority, by special act of the Legislature, approved March 20, 1862. During his long career as an attorney at law he became one of the most eminent members of the legal profession on this Coast.

Notwithstanding his active business life, he found time to devote himself to the sciences, of which Astronomy claimed his special